

Amendments to the Claims

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): An e-mail system, comprising:

2 an e-mail transmitter having a recipient address list comprising a plurality of recipient
3 addresses, enabling said e-mail transmitter to send at least one e-mail message to all of said
4 recipient addresses using said recipient address list, and sending said recipient address list to a
5 centralized server for updating thereof, using a first network connection therebetween;

6 a terminal for editing a reference list ~~including one or more~~ comprising a plurality of
7 recipient addresses to be updated among said plurality of recipient addresses on said recipient
8 address list and sending said edited reference list to said centralized server, using a second
9 network connection therebetween; and

10 [[a]] said centralized server for performing said update of said ~~one or more~~ plurality of
11 recipient addresses on said recipient address list by referencing said edited reference list, after
12 said centralized server ~~obtains~~ receives said recipient address list from said e-mail transmitter
13 and said edited reference list from said terminal, and for providing said updated recipient address
14 list to said e-mail transmitter using said first network connection, thereby enabling said e-mail
15 transmitter to subsequently use said updated recipient address list for transmitting ~~sending~~ said at
16 least one e-mail message to all of said recipient addresses on said updated recipient address list,
17 wherein said e-mail transmitter, said terminal, and said centralized server are distinct
18 from one another.

Claim 2 (canceled)

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1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said centralized
2 server performs said update responsive to receiving said sent ~~[[a]]~~ recipient address list update
3 ~~request sent to said centralized server from said e-mail transmitter.~~

1 Claim 4 (previously presented): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said reference
2 list contains at least one new recipient address to replace at least one of said plurality of recipient
3 addresses on said recipient address list.

1 Claim 5 (previously presented): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said reference
2 list contains at least one recipient address to be deleted from among said plurality of recipient
3 addresses on said recipient address list.

1 Claim 6 (previously presented): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said reference
2 list contains at least one recipient address to be added to said plurality of recipient addresses on
3 said recipient address list.

1 Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of updating a recipient address list comprising a
2 plurality of addresses to which information is sent, comprising steps of:
3 obtaining, by a centralized server from an information sender, a first recipient address list
4 usable by the information sender for sending information;
5 obtaining, at ~~[[a]]~~ the centralized server from a difference list generator, a difference list
6 ~~consisting of comprising a plurality of differences between~~ ~~[[a]]~~ the first recipient address list

7 before an update and a second recipient address list after the update, wherein said first recipient
8 address list and said second recipient address list both comprise a plurality of recipient addresses;

9 updating said first recipient address list, at the centralized server, by referencing said
10 difference list, thereby creating said second recipient address list; and

11 providing, by the centralized server, said second recipient address list to said one or more
12 information sender, senders that were using said first recipient address list before said update,
13 thereby enabling said one or more information senders sender to automatically use said second
14 recipient address list for sending information to all of said recipient addresses on said second
15 recipient address list,

16 wherein said difference list generator, said centralized server, and said information sender
17 are distinct from one another.

1 Claim 8 (previously presented): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim
2 7, wherein said updating of said first recipient address list is performed on a regular basis.

1 Claim 9 (previously presented): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim
2 7, wherein said updating of said first recipient address list is performed in response to an
3 indication of generation of said difference list.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim 7,
2 wherein said plurality of differences comprising said difference list includes at least one a
3 plurality of (i) at least one an address to be replaced in, (ii) at least one an address to be deleted

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4 from, and (iii) ~~at least one~~ an address to be added to, the plurality of addresses contained in said
5 first recipient address list; and said step of updating said first recipient address list comprises
6 replacing each ~~at least one of (i) replacement of the at least one address to be replaced, [(ii)]~~
7 deleting each ~~deletion of the at least one address to be deleted, and [(iii)]~~ adding each ~~addition~~
8 ~~of the at least one address to be added.~~

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim 7,
2 further comprising the step of editing said difference list, by said difference list generator, and
3 wherein said step of updating said first recipient address list further comprises updating said first
4 recipient address list by referencing said edited difference list.

1 Claim 12 (currently amended): A computer apparatus for updating a recipient address list
2 containing a plurality of recipient addresses to which given information is sent, comprising:
3 a recipient address list storage, at each of at least one information senders, for storing a
4 recipient address list comprising a plurality of recipient addresses to which given information is
5 sent;
6 a reference list storage for storing, for a reference list generator, a reference list
7 comprising at least one a plurality of updates for said recipient addresses in said recipient address
8 lists, said plurality of updates comprising a plurality of (i) a one or more recipient addresses
9 address to be replaced in [(a)] said recipient address [(list)] lists and a different recipient address
10 addresses to be used therefor, (ii) a one or more recipient addresses address to be deleted from
11 said recipient address [(list)] lists, and (iii) a one or more new recipient addresses address to be

added to said recipient address [[list]] lists; and

a centralized server, comprising:

a replacement module for replacing, in said recipient address [[list]] lists by referencing said stored reference list, ~~each of said one or more recipient addresses~~ address to be replaced ~~which are contained in said recipient address list~~ with said different recipient addresses address to be used therefor;

a deletion module for deleting, from said recipient address [[list]] lists by referencing said stored reference list, ~~each of said one or more recipient addresses~~ address to be deleted ~~from among the plurality of recipient addresses contained in said recipient address list~~;

an addition module for adding, to said recipient address [[list]] lists by referencing said stored reference list, ~~each of said one or more new recipient addresses~~ address to be added to said recipient address list; and

a module for providing said recipient address [[list]] lists, after operation of one or more of said replacement module, said deletion module, and said addition module, to said at least one or more information senders that are distinct from said centralized server, thereby enabling said at least one or more information senders to automatically use said provided recipient address [[list]] lists for sending said given information,

wherein said information senders, said reference list generator, and said centralized server are distinct from one another.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The computer apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said reference list storage stores said reference list in response to input of said reference list after

3 ~~creation thereof on a computer apparatus distinct from said centralized server~~ by said reference
4 list generator.

Claims 14 - 15 (canceled)

1 Claim 16 (currently amended): The computer apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said
2 centralized server further comprises an input module for obtaining said recipient address [[list]]
3 lists, prior to operation of said replacement module, said deletion module, and said addition
4 module, ~~from one of~~ said at least one information senders.

Claims 17 - 19 (canceled)

1 Claim 20 (new): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said centralized server
2 performs said update responsive to receiving said sent reference list from said terminal.

1 Claim 21 (new): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said sending of said recipient
2 address list by said e-mail transmitter is triggered by receiving, at said e-mail transmitter,
3 notification of said editing of reference list.

1 Claim 22 (new): The method according to Claim 7, wherein said recipient addresses are
2 facsimile addresses.

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1 Claim 23 (new): The computer apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said recipient
2 addresses are facsimile addresses.

1 Claim 24 (new): The computer apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said recipient
2 addresses are e-mail addresses.

1 Claim 25 (new): An e-mail system, comprising:
2 a plurality of e-mail transmitters, each having a corresponding recipient address list
3 comprising a plurality of recipient addresses, each of said e-mail transmitters enabled to use said
4 corresponding recipient address list to send at least one e-mail message to all of said recipient
5 addresses, and each of said e-mail transmitters sending said corresponding recipient address list
6 to a centralized server for updating thereof, using first network connections therebetween;

7 a terminal for editing a reference list comprising a plurality of recipient addresses to be
8 updated among said plurality of recipient addresses on each of said recipient address lists and
9 sending said edited reference list to said centralized server, using a second network connection
10 therebetween; and

11 said centralized server for performing said update of said plurality of recipient addresses
12 on at least one of said recipient address lists by referencing said edited reference list, after said
13 centralized server receives said recipient address lists from at least one sending one of said e-mail
14 transmitters and said edited reference list from said terminal, thereby creating an updated version
15 of each of said recipient address lists from said sending e-mail transmitters, and for providing, to

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16 each of said sending e-mail transmitters, said corresponding updated version using said first
17 network connections, thereby enabling each of said sending e-mail transmitters to subsequently
18 use said corresponding updated version of said recipient address list for sending said at least one
19 e-mail message to all of said recipient addresses on said corresponding updated version of said
20 recipient address list,

21 wherein said e-mail transmitters, said terminal, and said centralized server are distinct
22 from one another.